



**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1626**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Charles E. Sumner, Jr.

Appl. No. 09/360,947

Filed: July 27, 1999

For: **Methods for Separating a  
Tocopherol From a Tocopherol-  
Containing Mixture and  
Compositions Thereof**

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Examiner: Saeed, K. A.

Atty. Docket: 1533.1340004/SRL/BLS

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In reply to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 31), Applicant submits the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

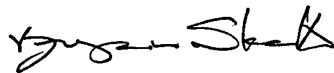
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity;
4. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
5. Return postcard; and
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims - 20** =	X		
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	930
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	320
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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